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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please replace the title with --LOW-NOISE OPTICAL PROBES FOR REDUCING LIGHT PIPING--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first paragraph of Page 1 with the following clean version. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made.

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This application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/094,202, filed June 9, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,256,523,